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Applicants : Howard J. Worman and Naoto Mamiya
Serial No.: 09/407,430 Examiner: Q. Nguyen, Ph.D.
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PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

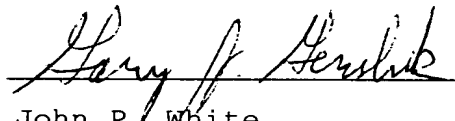
Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action issued on November 8, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 8, 2001 Office Action was due on February 8, 2002 and an Amendment in response was filed on February 8, 2002. On March 6, 2002 an Advisory Action was issued indicating that the February 8, 2002 Amendment was not entered. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time for responding to the November 8, 2001 Office Action in order to file a Continued Prosecution Application requesting entry of applicants' February 8, 2002 Amendment.

The required fee for a two-month extension of time is TWO-HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) and a check in this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, with a two-month extension of time, a response to the November 8, 2001 Office Action is now due April 8, 2002.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$200.00 fee for a two-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary J. Gershik", written over a horizontal line.

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